

## Receipt of Funds from USFWS and Implementation of Science Review

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**Summary:** The Delta Science Program is seeking approval to amend an existing contract with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to assist with providing scientific expert services using funds from a federal receivable agreement and to extend the term of the contract by six months. The DSC and CALFED Bay-Delta Program have utilized the ABAG process for timely contracting with science experts for many years, but are working on enhancing the timeliness of in house contracting with experts to reduce use of the ABAG process.

**Requested Action:** Direct the Executive Officer to amend an existing agreement with ABAG for scientific review services (approved by the Council in July 2010), increasing the amount by \$75,000 and extend the term of the agreement to June 30, 2012. This amendment will allow the Council to best use federal funds made available through an existing agreement with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

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### **Background**

The Delta Science Program receives funding under existing agreements with several federal agencies to provide them with scientific review, advice, and synthesis. The proposed amendment of the ABAG agreement will allow new funding from USFWS to be used by the Council to provide consultative expert scientific advice and review. These services are critical to the scientific aspects of ongoing implementation of actions to protect Delta fish species of concern.

The Delta Science Program has a long standing relationship with ABAG to process the solicitation and execution of contracts for independent science experts. The existing contract with ABAG (approved by the Council in July 2010) is primarily funded by agreements with USGS, USBR, and NMFS and has a cap of \$974,263. The Delta Science Program seeks approval to amend the ABAG contract to add the new funding from USFWS, increasing the contract cap by \$75,000 to provide for the additional services to be provided. As shown below, the funding being added to the contract will be provided through an existing funding agreement with USFWS.

The Delta Science Program also would like to extend the term of the agreement to June 30, 2012. No revision to the Statement of Work for the existing ABAG contract will be required.

### **Fiscal Information**

The increase in the ABAG contract cap does not represent new spending of state funds by the Council because the additional funding is provided through an existing agreement with a federal agency.

<b>Amendment Fiscal Summary</b>		
<b>Added Subcontracts / Tasks</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Delta Outflow Review	\$75,000	USFWS
Existing contract cap	\$974,263	
<b>Total (amended contract cap)</b>	<b>\$1,049,263</b>	

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